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SUBJECT: OUTBREAK OF LASSA VIRUS

REF: (A) STATE 53317; (B) IBADAN 117; (C) BONN 4119

1. VIEW REF A AND CONTINUING WORSENING CONDITION MANDRELLA, EMBASSY URGES EVACUATION PATIENT. DR. ALLAN NOONAN, CDC PHYSICIAN ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY (DR. HUTCHINS TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM LAGOS), SUBMITS FOLLOWING REPORT, CONFIRMS REF B, AND PROVIDES AMERICAN ATTESTATION WHICH, ACCORDING FRG AMBASSADOR LAGOS, "BADLY NEEDED" IFLBONN:

2. DR. MANDRELLA IS GERMAN PHYSICIAN WHO SEVEN DAYS AFTER PERFORMING TRACEOSTOMY ON PATIENT WHO SUBSEQUENTLY DIED OF SUSPECTED LASSA FEVER DEVELOPED FEVER AND MYALGIAS. NO RESPONSE TO CHLOROQUINE OR AMPICILLIN. ON SIXTH DAY RIGHT SUBCONJUNCTIVAL HEMMORAGE, DIARRHEA, VOMITING AND PHARYNGITIS NOTED. CONDITION DETERIORATED UNTIL ELEVENTH DAY WHEN PATIENT RESPONDED DRAMATICALLY TO 500 ML. ANTI-LASSA FEVER SERUM. REMAINED STABLE FOR FIVE DAYS. DURING LAST TWO MALAISE, FEVER HAVE RECOMMENCED, NOW 104 DEGREES.

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3. PATIENT REPORTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION TODAY. DIAGNOSIS OF
CAUSE OF PRESENT SITUATION IMPOSSIBLE IN IBADAN DUE TO LACK OF
ISOLATED LABORATORY FACILITIES. ALL AVAILABLE LASSA FEVER
EXPERTS RECOMMEND EVACUATION TO TROPICAL INSTITUTE. RECOMMEND
SAME PRECAUTIONS AS USED BY USAF IN EVACUATING DR. K. CAMPBELL
FROM LONDON TO NYC IN LATE 1972.
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